GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Disciplinary Proceedings against Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Racharla Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd) - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.513 **Dated:07.07.2022.**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.516, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:17.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Racharla Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd)in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure–I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III & IV).

3. Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para–3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECAIL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Racharla Mandal, Prakasam District (Retd) through the District Collector, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE-I

ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Smt.K.ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, RACHARLA MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT (RETD)

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Article of charge - I:

That Smt K.Elizbath Rani, Retired Tahsildar while working as Tahsildar, Racharla, recorded the name of Alampalli Suseela W/o Venu Gopal who is no such person in the village against S.No.33/1 Ac.4.00 with Khata No.95 in IB Register of Veluturlapadu village of Racharla Mandal as per the orders of the Tahsidlar, Rc.126/2018, dated.16.04.2018 and same was attested without verifying the DK files in the office and the said land were already submerged under Ramanna Kattuva Project.

Thus, Smt K.Elizbath Rani, the then Tahsildar, Racharla (now retired) deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1) APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

Article of charge - II:

That Smt K.Elizbath Rani, Retired Tahsildar while working as Tahsildar, Racharla, recorded the name of Rama Lakshamma against S.No.890/1, Ac.1.00; S.No.890/2 Ac.2.16 and S.No.890/3 Ac.3.16 of Akaveedu Village of Racharla Mandal and as per village records as per RSR SNo.890 total extent Ac.6.32 cents is classified as dotted land and which are already assigned to the others. Basing on the agreement of sale, she entered the name of Pagidi Dhanalakshmi vide Khata No.2215 on 21.04.2018 in Webland.

Thus, Smt K.Elizbath Rani, the then Tahsildar, Racharla (now retired) deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1) APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

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SPECAIL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE-II

STAMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Smt.K.ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, RACHARLA MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT (RETD)

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1. That Sri Madire Nemili Reddy s/o Ranga Reddy resident of Ramapuram village of Racherla Mandal filed before the Hon'ble Lokayuktha vide complaint petition No. 1475/2018/B1 alleging that Smt. Elizbeth Rani, Tahsildar, Racherla Mandal is committing several irregularities in land Administration, recording Government lands as Assigned lands to ineligible persons without assignment committee approval and demanding money for entry of names of eligible farmers in online adangal and resorting to keep the eligible pattadar as disputed if fails to give demanded money. He further complained that the irregularities were committed by her in the following cases.

Sl.No	Name of the village	Name of the Ineligible Assignee	ROR Khata No.	Sy.No.	Extent
1	Venthurlapadu	Javvaji Suguna	94	33/3	4.00
2		Alampalli Suseela	95	33/1	4.00
3	Yadavalli village	Yeruva Narayanamma	68	961/2	4.95
4		Macherla Bakki reddy	69		4.00
5		Bandi Venkata Swamy	1559	849/4 859/1A 1	4.00 1.06
6		Palugulla Ashalatha	767	284/1	3.19
7	Gudimetta	Annapureddy Ramasubba Reddy	1138	6/2	3.00
8		Annapureddy Ranga Lakshamma	511	1316/1	4.00
9	Racherla	Guntupalli Rama Lakshmi	1220	1028/5	5.00
10	Akaveedu	Pagidi Dhana Lakshmi	2215	890/1 890/2 890/3	2.00 2.00 2.00

2. Further, the complainant has requested to inquire into the matter and take appropriate action against the Tahsildar, Racherla and save the Government lands. Further the Collector, vide his ref.dt:22.04.2019, referred the matter to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur for inquiry in the matter. Accordingly the Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur vide his ref.dt:9.12.2019 has submitted report stating that the notices were issued to the concerned Village Revenue Officers and inquired in the matter with reference to the Village Revenue Records. The following are the details of the inquiry.

Sl.No.	Name of the village	Nameof the person alleged	S.No.	Extent	Remarks
1	Venthurlapadu	Javvaji Suguna	33/3	4.00	The Tahsildar reported that no entry was recorded in the name of javvaji Suguna. As per ROR -1B register vide Khata No.94 it was recorded in the name of Kalangi Lakshamma for S.No.2/46 Ac.4.00

					cents without any attestation. The Village Revenue Officer stated that the name of Kalangi Lakshamma w/o Pedda Venkateswarlu was recorded for S.No. 2/46 Ac.4.00 as Assignment. At present these lands were submerged under Ramanna Kattuva Project. The said person belongs to Chollaveedu village. There is no DK file in the Office. On verification of ROR-1B register the entries are manipulated and entered with single hand writing without signatures of the Tahsildar, Racherla.
2		Alampalli Suseela	33/1	4.00	The Tahsildar Racherla reported that it is fact that the entry was made with signature of the Tahsildar "As per the orders of Tahsildar Rc.126/2018 dated: 16-04-2018. The Village Revenue Officer stated that the name of Alampalli Suseela w/o Venu Gopal was recorded for S.No. 33/1 Ac.4.00 as per the orders of Tahsildar Rc.126/2018 dated: 16-04-2018 and attested by Smt.K. ElizbethRani, Tahsildar vide Khata No.95. At present these lands were submerged under Ramanna Kattuva Project. There is no such person in their village. There is no DK file in the Office. On verification of ROR-1B register the entries are manipulated and entered with single hand writing without signatures of the Tahsildar, Racherla.
3	Yadavalli	Yeruva Narayanamma	961/2	4.95	The Tahsildar reported that it is dotted land. It was entered vide khata No.68 of ROR-1B register without attestation and that DK patta was not produced by the individual. The Village Revenue Officer stated that as per RSR S.No.961/2 total extent Ac.11.45 cents was recorded as Water Spread area. In ROR-1B it was recorded by cancelling the old khata no.68 and entered the name of Yeruva Narayanamma for Ac.4.95 cents. As per Annexure 22A it was recorded as Water spread area. There was no DK patta and requested to delete the said entry from ROR-1B register.
4		Macherla Bakki reddy	961/2	4.00	The Tahsildar reported that it is dotted land. It was entered vide khata No.69 of ROR -1B register without attestation and that DK patta was not produced by

					the individual. The Village Revenue Officer stated that as per RSR S.No.961/2 total extent Ac.11.45 cents was recorded as Water Spread area. In ROR -1B it was recorded by cancelling the old khata no.69 and entered the name of Macherla Bakkireddy for Ac.4.00 cents. As per Annexure 22A it was recorded as Water spread area. There was no DK patta and requested to delete the said entry from ROR-1B register.
5		Bandi Venkata Swamy	849/4 859/1 A1	4.00 1.06	The Tahsildar reported that it is Ralla gutty land. It was entered as per Rc.894/2016 dated:16-06-2016 in ROR 1B register without attestation and that DK patta was not produced by the individual. The Village Revenue officer stated that As per RSR S.No.849/2 total extent Ac.5.60 cents was recorded as (Ralla Gutta) Hillock and entered vide khata No.1559 in ROR -1B without attestation. As per Annexure 22A it was recorded as Ralla Gutta. He does not know how it was granted for DK patta. The another S.No.859/1A1 extent Ac.1.06 Patta land said to be purchased by him.
6		Palugulla Ashalatha	284/1	3.19	The Tahsildar reported that it is dotted land and entered as per R.Dis48/DAR/1412 dated:08-09-2002 in the name of Muttumula Rama lakshamma w/o Ramireddy as she was granted DK patta. Local enquiries reveal that this land was given to her Grand Daughter under Pasupu- Kunkuma and entered in the ROR and attested by the then Tahsildar, Racherla. The village Revenue Officer stated that as per Annexure- II of 22A it was recorded as A.W. land. As per RSR it was A. W.land. In ROR -1B the khata no. 767, the earlier entry in the name of Boddu Hussainaiah name was round of and entered the name of Palugulla Ashalatha w/o Ramesh reddy. DK patta bearing No. R.Dis.48/DAR/1412 dated:08-09-2002 xerox copy was produced by her. However the said assignment DK patta has to be confirmed by the Tahsildar.
7	Gudimetta	Annapureddy Ramasubba	6/2	3.00	The Tahsildar reported that as per record Rc. B.545/2002 dated: 12-09-2002 assignment patta was

		Reddy			granted. The Village Revenue Officer stated that as per ROR-1B register this land was assigned to Annapureddy Ramasubbareddy S/o Ankireddy vide DA6/86/1412F dated: --- and it was attested by Deputy Tahsildar. The said person is ex- military and the land is under his possession and enjoyment. There are no corrections made by Smt. K. Elizbeth Rani in the above case.
8		Annapuredd y Ranga Lakshamma	1316/ 1	4.00	The Tahsildar reported that recorded as per ROR-1B it was recoreded as per Rc.B 629/2016 after the death of the husband it was entered in the name of his wife. The village Revenue Officer stated that as per RSR S.No. 1316 total extent Ac.6.55 cents is sterile Ground poramboke. As per ROR-1B register vide khata No.511 he name of Annapureddy Varadaiah gari Ramakrishnareddy was recorded and after his death his wife Ranga Lakshamma name was entered and it as attested.
9	Racherla	Guntupalli Rama Lakshmi	1028/ 5	5.00	The Tahsildar reported that as per ROR-1B vide Khata No.1220 the name of Guntupalli Rama Lakshamma was recorded for S.No.1028/5 Ac.4.90 cents without attestation. During the enquiry she produced DK patta. Vide R.Dis. No. 99/DAR/1395 dated:07-12-1985. The Village Revenue Officer stated that as per ROR-1B, Web land Adangal the name of Guntupalli Rama lakshamma name was recoreded as Assignament patta. She also produced DK patta. Hence it seems that she was granted Assignment patta.
10	Akaveedu	Pagidi Dhana Lakshmi	890/1 890/2 890/3	2.00 2.00 2.00	TheTahsildar, Racherla reported that as per ROR-1B register pattadar pass book as granted for S.No.890/1, 890/2 and 890/3 Extent Ac.1.00, Ac.2.16, and Ac.3.16 cents respectively. The Village Revenue Officer stated that as per RSR S.No.890 total extent Ac.6.32 cents is dotted land. In this land S.No. 890/1 Ac.1.00 cents and S.No.890/2 Ac.2.16 cents as assigned to Katepogu Bala Raju S/o Chinna Pullaiah and granted Pattadar Pass Book vide Khata No.519. After his death his son katepogu Rajarao was granted Pattadar Pass Book The said Katepogu Rajarao sold the saidland to Pagidi Dhanalakshmi w/o Ramaiah through agreement. Basing on the said agreerhent Smt.K. Elizbeth Rani entered the name of

					Pagidi Dhanalakshmi w/o Ramaiah vide Khata No. 2215 on21-04-2018. The Village Revenue Officer further statedthat S.No.890/3 Ac.3.16 was assigned to Katepogu Abraham S/o Yesaiah and Pattadar Pass Book was issued vide Khata No. 520. After his death his wife Katepogu Sugunamma name was entered against the said Khata. The said katepogu Sugunamma sold the land on 03-02-2018 for a consideration of Rs.1,50,000/- to Pagidi Dhanalakshmi w/o Ramaiah on possession handing over agreement. Basing on the said agreement Smt. K.Elizbeth Rani entered the name of Pagidi Dhanalakshmi w/o Ramaiah vide Khata No.2215 on 21-04-2018.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur, further submitted that Smt. K. Elizabeth Rani, formerly Tahsildar, Racherla and now retired submitted written statement stating that (1.) Bandi Venkata Swamy applied for e-pass book for S.No.849/4 Ac.4.00 and S.No.859/1Ac.1.06 of Yadavalli village after generation of form-8 it was noticed that there is dispute and e-pass book was not issued. The name of Palugulla Ashalatha was entered online for Ac.3.19 cents in S.No.284/1 vide Khata No. 767 and that she had not entered the same in online. (2.) Annapureddy Rama Subba Reddy was already entered in draft ROR and 1B-register for Ac.3.00 in S.No.6/2 vide Khata No. 1138 of Gidimetta village and PPB was also issued and hence his name entered in online on the request. The name of Annapureddy Ranga Lakshamma was already entered in the draft ROR and 1B register for Ac.4.00 in S.No.1316/1 vide Khata No. 511 of Gudimetta village, PPB and TD was issued and hence her name was entered in online at her request. (3.) The name of Guntupalli Ramalakshmi was already entered in the draft ROR and 1B register for Ac.5.00 in S.No.1028/5 vide khata No. 1220 of Racherla village , PPB and TD was also issued to her and hence her name was entered in online at her request. (4) The name of Pagidi Dhanalakshmi was already entered in the draft ROR and 1B register for Ac.2.00 in S.No. 890/1, Ac.2.00 , S.No. 890/2 Ac.2.00 and S.No.890/3 Ac.2.00 vide khata No.2215 of Akaveedu Mandal , PPB and TD was also issued to her and hence her name was entered in online at her request. (5) Jawaji Suguna has filed application along with copies of DK patta, PPB and TD and requested to enter her name in online for an extent of Ac.4.00 in S.No. 33/3 of Venthurlapadu village. Hence her name was entered in online vide khata No. 94(B). Smt Allampalli Suseels has filed application along with copies of DK patta, PPB and TD and requested to enter her name in online for Ac.4.00 in SW.No.33/1 of Venthurlapadu village. Hence her name was entered in online vide Khata No. 95. (6). Smt Yeruva Narayanamma and Macherla Bakki Reddy are having DK pattas for Ac.4.95 and Ac.4.00 respectively in S.No.961/2 of Yadavalli village. Their names were already entered in draft ROR, 1B register; PPB and TD were also issued to them. Hence their names were also entered in online. She further submitted that she has not issued any single DK patta during her tenure as Tahsildar, Racherla. Hence the question of taking of approval of Assignment Committee does not arise. To the best of her Knowledge that any applications received by her were got proper verification and necessary enquiry by concerned Village Revenue Officer, and Mandal Revenue Inspector, and their recommendations were considered after cross checking with available records and any decision was made accordingly. Since she has not issued DK pattas , the question of issue of issuing of DK pattas more than Ac.2.00 also does not arise. Except one case, the names of all the persons were already entered in the draft ROR and 1B register. Therefore she has not committed any mistakes or irregularities during her tenure as Tahsildar, Racherla Mandal. The allegations made by Sri Nemili Reddy are all false and baseless. She came to know that he filed this petition that his name was not entered in the online for lands held by him. But she has not received any report

by the Mandal Revenue Inspector, Mandal Surveyor, and Concerned Village Revenue Officer in his case and hence she could not attend his case. She finally requested that the complaint filed by Sri M. Nemilireddy may kindly be dismissed.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur has finally reported that Sl. No. 2 and 10 are the irregularities committed by Smt. K. Elizbeth Rani, Retired Tahsildar, Racherla by attesting the entries in the ROR -1B register for S.No.33/1 Extent Ac.4.00 cents in the name of Alampalli Suseela of Venthurlapadu village Khata No. 95 , and for S.Nos. 890/1 , 890/2, 890/3 extent Ac.1.00, Ac.2.16 and Ac.3.16 of Akaveedu village Khata No.2215 and requested to initiate disciplinary action against her.

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECAIL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNESURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Smt.K.ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, RACHARLA MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT (RETD) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta for A.P, Lr.Dis.No.1475/18/Lok/353/2018, Dated:14/02/2019.
2. Revenue Divisional Officer, Markapur, Rc.B/141/2019, Dated:09.12.2019.

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECAIL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Smt.K.ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, RACHARLA MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT (RETD) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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- NIL -

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECAIL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

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